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Senator Gilbert Supports Governor's First Two Appointments

Senate Committee Confirms Nominations of Hollister, Rising

(LANSING) – Proceeding their recommendations from the Senate Committee on Government Operations, state Senator Jud Gilbert today supported the appointments of Lansing Mayor David Hollister and Jay Rising to head the Department of Consumer and Industry Services and the Department of Treasury.

“Mayor Hollister and Mr. Rising are terrific choices to head their respective departments, and I look forward to working with them on legislative matters that will benefit the state of Michigan,” Gilbert, R-Algonac said.

Current Lansing Mayor David Hollister was supported by the committee Jan. 14 in the first advice and consent hearing of a gubernatorial appointment in nearly a decade. Mr. Rising was nominated today in the second of such hearings.

The Michigan Constitution gives the state Senate the power to offer advice and consent on gubernatorial appointments of agency directors and numerous members of state boards and commissioners.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Affairs, Senator Gilbert will be working with the Department of Consumer and Industry Services on legislation that affects business and economic growth across the state, as well as the regulation of activities that affect communities and individuals statewide.

Senate Majority Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, chair of the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, expects the committee's recommendations on the Hollister and Rising appointments will be taken up by the full Senate when it convenes Jan. 21.

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Editor's Note: Comments from Senator Gilbert on the appointments of Mayor Hollister and Mr. Rising will be available on the Michigan Senate Hotline after 4 p.m. at (517) 373-4000.